

213630US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

:

HISAYOSHI ITO ET AL.

:

SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN.  
(Based on PCT/JP00/01490)

: ATTN: APPLICATION BRANCH

FILED: HEREWITH

:

FOR: STIRRED TANK FOR STORING  
YEAST SLURRY, METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING FERMENTED  
FOODS SUCH AS BEER USING  
THE STIRRED TANK, AND STIRRING  
IMPELLER PROVIDED IN THE  
STIRRED TANK

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy attached to read as follows:

3. (Amended) A stirred tank according to claim 1, wherein the height of the rotation  
body defined by the rotation of the stirring impeller is 90-120% of the standard depth of the  
yeast slurry.

#8/k  
A  
1-9-02

A<sup>1</sup>